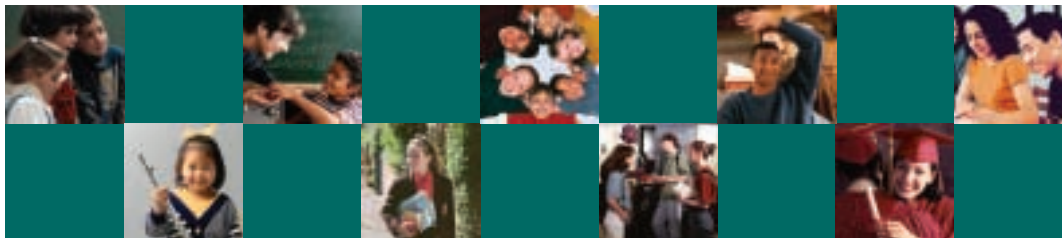


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## INDICATOR 2

### Past and Projected Elementary and Secondary School Enrollments

The indicator and corresponding tables are taken directly from *The Condition of Education 2002*. Therefore, the page numbers may not be sequential.

Additional information about the survey data and supplementary notes can be found in the full report. For a copy of *The Condition of Education 2002*, visit the NCES web site (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2002025>) or contact ED PUBs at 1-877-4ED-PUBS.

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# Elementary/Secondary Education

## Past and Projected Elementary and Secondary School Enrollments

*Public elementary and secondary enrollment is projected to reach 47.4 million in 2002, and to increase through 2005, before decreasing slowly. The West will experience most of this increase.*

The baby boom echo—the 25 percent increase in the nation's number of annual births that began in the mid-1970s and peaked in 1990—and rising immigration have boosted school enrollment. Growing enrollments in public elementary and secondary schools are expected to continue through 2005, before decreasing slowly.

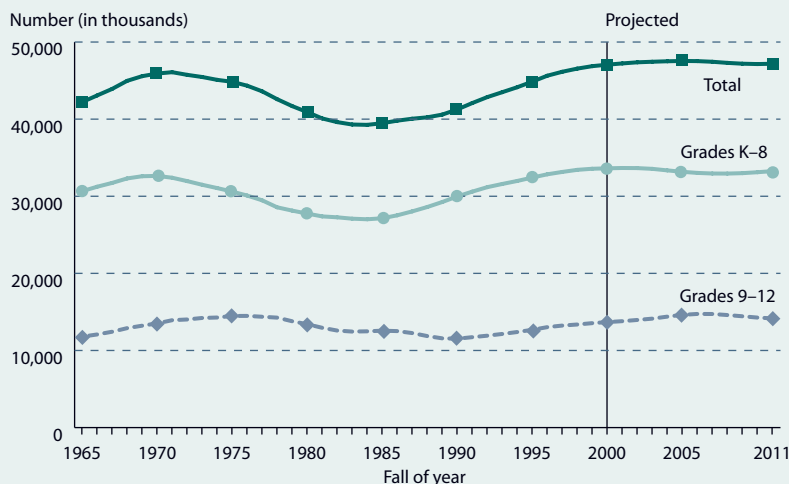
After declining during the 1970s and early 1980s, enrollment in public schools for grades K–12 increased in the latter part of the 1980s and the 1990s, reaching an estimated 47.2 million in 2001. This enrollment is projected to be 47.4 million in 2002. Through the first half of this decade, public enrollment for grades K–12 is projected to continue increasing to an all-time high of 47.5 million in 2005, and then to begin declining slightly. Between 2001 and 2011, public enrollment in grades K–8 is projected to decrease slowly through 2008 and then to increase slowly, whereas

public enrollment in grades 9–12 is projected to increase through 2006 and then to decrease slowly (see supplemental table 2-1).

The regional distribution of students in public schools has changed since the 1970s, with the West increasing its total share of enrollment. Between 2001 and 2011, public enrollment in grades K–12 is expected to decrease in the Northeast and Midwest, remain relatively stable in the South, and increase in the West (see supplemental table 2-2).

In 1999–2000, private school enrollment for grades K–12 was 5.1 million. It was higher in 1999–2000 than in 1989–90. Between these years, enrollments in private schools increased in both the South and West. Despite increases in enrollment in the West, private enrollment for grades K–12 was lowest in the West and highest in the South in 1999–2000 (see supplemental table 2-3).

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Public elementary and secondary school enrollment in grades K–12 (in thousands), by grade level, with projections: Fall 1965–2011**



NOTE: Includes most kindergarten and some nursery school enrollment.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data (CCD), various years, and (2001) *Projections of Education Statistics to 2011* (NCES 2001–083).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Supplemental Note 1

Supplemental Tables 2-1, 2-2, 2-3



## Past and Projected Elementary and Secondary School Enrollments

Table 2-1 Public elementary and secondary school enrollment in grades K–12 (in thousands), by grade level, with projections: Fall 1965–2011

Fall of year	Total	Grades K–8	Grades 9–12
1965	42,173	30,563	11,610
1970	45,894	32,558	13,336
1975	44,819	30,515	14,304
1980	40,877	27,647	13,231
1985	39,422	27,034	12,388
1990	41,217	29,878	11,338
1991	42,047	30,506	11,541
1992	42,823	31,088	11,735
1993	43,465	31,504	11,961
1994	44,111	31,898	12,213
1995	44,840	32,341	12,500
1996	45,611	32,764	12,847
1997	46,127	33,073	13,054
1998	46,539	33,346	13,193
1999	46,857	33,488	13,369
<b>Projected</b>			
2000	47,051	33,545	13,506
2001	47,213	33,587	13,626
2002	47,358	33,574	13,784
2003	47,432	33,475	13,957
2004	47,494	33,276	14,218
2005	47,536	33,091	14,445
2006	47,515	32,947	14,569
2007	47,430	32,868	14,562
2008	47,286	32,860	14,426
2009	47,178	32,913	14,265
2010	47,131	33,034	14,096
2011	47,170	33,179	13,991

NOTE: Includes most kindergarten and some nursery school enrollment. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES. Common Core of Data (CCD), various years, and (2001) *Projections of Education Statistics to 2011* (NCES 2001–083).

## Past and Projected Elementary and Secondary School Enrollments

Table 2-2 Public elementary and secondary school enrollment in grades K–12 (in thousands), by region, with projections: Fall 1965–2011

Fall of year	Total	Region							
		Northeast		Midwest		South		West	
		Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
1965	42,173	8,833	20.9	11,834	28.1	13,834	32.8	7,568	17.9
1970	45,894	9,860	21.5	12,936	28.2	14,759	32.2	8,339	18.2
1975	44,819	9,679	21.6	12,295	27.4	14,654	32.7	8,191	18.3
1980	40,877	8,215	20.1	10,698	26.2	14,134	34.6	7,831	19.2
1985	39,422	7,318	18.6	9,862	25.0	14,117	35.8	8,124	20.6
1990	41,217	7,282	17.7	9,944	24.1	14,807	35.9	9,184	22.3
1991	42,047	7,407	17.6	10,080	24.0	15,081	35.9	9,479	22.5
1992	42,823	7,526	17.6	10,198	23.8	15,357	35.9	9,742	22.7
1993	43,465	7,654	17.6	10,289	23.7	15,591	35.9	9,931	22.8
1994	44,111	7,760	17.6	10,386	23.5	15,851	35.9	10,114	22.9
1995	44,840	7,894	17.6	10,512	23.4	16,118	35.9	10,316	23.0
1996	45,611	8,006	17.6	10,638	23.3	16,373	35.9	10,594	23.2
1997	46,127	8,085	17.5	10,704	23.2	16,563	35.9	10,775	23.4
1998	46,539	8,145	17.5	10,722	23.0	16,713	35.9	10,959	23.5
1999	46,857	8,196	17.5	10,726	22.9	16,842	35.9	11,094	23.7
Projected									
2000	47,051	8,218	17.5	10,702	22.7	16,939	36.0	11,193	23.8
2001	47,213	8,248	17.5	10,695	22.7	16,990	36.0	11,280	23.9
2002	47,358	8,264	17.5	10,685	22.6	17,044	36.0	11,364	24.0
2003	47,432	8,260	17.4	10,659	22.5	17,074	36.0	11,439	24.1
2004	47,494	8,241	17.4	10,634	22.4	17,105	36.0	11,515	24.2
2005	47,536	8,208	17.3	10,614	22.3	17,125	36.0	11,589	24.4
2006	47,515	8,155	17.2	10,585	22.3	17,127	36.0	11,648	24.5
2007	47,430	8,087	17.1	10,539	22.2	17,106	36.1	11,697	24.7
2008	47,286	8,012	16.9	10,479	22.2	17,070	36.1	11,726	24.8
2009	47,178	7,945	16.8	10,427	22.1	17,036	36.1	11,770	24.9
2010	47,131	7,892	16.7	10,390	22.0	17,012	36.1	11,836	25.1
2011	47,170	7,854	16.7	10,369	22.0	17,017	36.1	11,930	25.3

NOTE: Includes most kindergarten and some nursery school enrollment. Details may not add to totals due to rounding. *Supplemental Note 1* identifies the states in each region.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES. Common Core of Data (CCD), various years, and (2001) *Projections of Education Statistics to 2011* (NCES 2001–083).

## Past and Projected Elementary and Secondary School Enrollments

Table 2-3 Private elementary and secondary school enrollment (in thousands), by grade level and region: School years 1989–90 through 1999–2000

School year	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
<b>Grades K–12</b>					
1989–90	4,714	1,310	1,340	1,240	824
1991–92	4,783	1,280	1,335	1,276	892
1993–94	4,743	1,235	1,294	1,363	851
1995–96	4,920	1,245	1,329	1,416	930
1997–98	4,962	1,241	1,328	1,479	915
1999–2000	5,074	1,255	1,332	1,553	934
<b>Grades K–8</b>					
1989–90	3,588	947	1,052	949	639
1991–92	3,657	935	1,059	974	689
1993–94	3,641	907	1,021	1,048	664
1995–96	3,760	911	1,042	1,086	721
1997–98	3,781	911	1,036	1,126	708
1999–2000	3,849	917	1,035	1,177	720
<b>Grades 9–12</b>					
1989–90	1,126	362	288	291	185
1991–92	1,126	346	276	302	203
1993–94	1,102	328	273	315	186
1995–96	1,160	334	286	330	209
1997–98	1,181	330	292	353	206
1999–2000	1,225	338	297	375	214

NOTE: Estimates exclude ungraded students. Details may not add to totals due to rounding. *Supplemental Note 1* identifies the states in each region.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES. Private School Surveys (PSS), various years.

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**Table S2-3** Standard errors for the private elementary and secondary school enrollment (in thousands), by grade level and region: School years 1989–90 through 1999–2000

School year	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
<b>Grades K–12</b>					
1989–90	38	37	15	23	12
1991–92	—	—	—	—	—
1993–94	13	6	4	11	6
1995–96	17	6	6	8	9
1997–98	13	5	10	6	4
1999–2000	25	6	8	23	4
<b>Grades K–8</b>					
1989–90	34	34	12	21	9
1991–92	—	—	—	—	—
1993–94	11	5	3	10	4
1995–96	14	3	5	6	7
1997–98	12	5	10	5	3
1999–2000	18	5	6	16	3
<b>Grades 9–12</b>					
1989–90	13	8	4	7	5
1991–92	—	—	—	—	—
1993–94	3	2	1	3	2
1995–96	5	3	1	2	2
1997–98	2	1	1	2	1
1999–2000	8	1	2	8	2

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES. Private School Surveys (PSS), various years.